

VSP Public Comment

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Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

True democracy requires transparency of process and unequivocal fairness. Any electronic voting system must provide archival receipts that are traceable to results, verifiable by each voter and published by the state for all to see. These systems need to be designed by constituents not vendors. Here are some examples:

At least 12 point type
Separate sheet for each vote record
Permanent ink record
Recount friendly format
Verifiable result count by each voter and government Lengthy voter designed process with public debate

If these items above are not instituted then return to paper ballots and all voters can make this an expensive reality for the state by demanding a paper ballot at the polls. This is an option voters should use so that they control the process and not vendors.

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.